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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION FROM PRC AMBASSADOR IN NEW CAPACITY AS DEAN  
OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

1. PRC AMBASSADOR KUO YENG, WHO BECAME DEAN OF THE  
DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON SIMULTANEOUS DEPARTURES OF SOVIET  
AND INDIAN AMBASSADORS DECEMBER 15, HAS CIRCULATED  
TEXT OF NEW YEARS GREETINGS HE INTENDS TO PRESENT TO  
PRESIDENT SOUTHANOVONG AT NEW YEARS RECEPTION, IN THE  
ABSENCE OF ANY REQUEST FOR CHANGES FROM CHIEFS OF  
MISSION BY DECEMBER 30. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY.  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER.  
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1977 I AM PLEASED TO  
PRESENT, IN THE NAME OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, TO YOU  
AND THROUGH YOU, TO THE HEROIC AND HARD WORKING LAO

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PEOPLE, OUR WARMEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.  
UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE HEROIC LAO PEOPLE HAVE  
WON, IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, NEW SUCCESSES IN  
THE REINFORCEMENT AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE NEW  
REGIME, THE BINDING UP OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR, THE RE-  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL

ECONOMY, OF CULTURE, OF EDUCATION AND OF HEALTH AS WELL AS IN OTHER DOMAINS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE NEW YEAR YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SURMOUNT DIFFICULTIES IN YOUR MARCH FORWARD AND WIN NEW VICTORIES GREATER STILL IN THE BUILDING OF A PEACEFUL, INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC, UNIFIED, PROSPEROUS AND SOCIALLY PROGRESSIVE LAOS.

AT THIS AUSPICIOUS MOMENT, WHEN WE WELCOME A NEW SPRING, PERMIT US TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES.

WE WISH GOOD HEALTH TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDET, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER, TO THE VICE PRESIDENTS AND TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS AS WELL AS TO ALL THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN HERE PRESENT.  
END TEXT.

3. SINCE THE TEXT IS UNEXCEPTIONABLE, I INTEND TO OFFER NO COMMENT ON IT.

4. IF LAST YEAR'S PRACTICE IS FOLLOWED, THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WILL PRESENT ITS NEW YEARS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 31  
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